Tamworth 4WD Club Newsletter - SEP 2025

Club Meetings - 2nd Monday each month. 6:30pm at
St Johns Hall. 72 Napier Street, Tamworth.
(Diagonally opposite Anzac Park).

Last meeting : Mon 8th Sep 2025. 6:30pm.

Next meeting : Mon 13th Oct 2025. 6:30pm.

Facebook : Tamworth 4wd Club

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tam4wdclub@hotmail.com

Tamworth 4wd Club

Tamworth 4wd Club is a family orientated club. We cater for family participation in recreational four wheel driving and camping trips into bushland areas of the great natural beauty and attraction. Club trips can be one day or weekend drives into the state forests and national parks of the local area. Trips of longer duration to various parts of Australia (Simpson Desert, Fraser Island, Cape York, Victorian High Country) are planned annually and in advance. The choice of trips you take is entirely yours, from easy scenic trips to beautiful areas of near inaccessible terrain. Other clubs activities include social outings, bush camping, bush walking, fishing, driver training days, Christmas-in-July social weekend, demonstrations and inter-club activities.

2025-2026 Committee

President	- Col Middleton	e: president.tam4wdclub@gmail.com
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Trip Advisors	- Graeme Hodge, Leanne Middleton, Paul Ellison, Dave Maunder	

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Editors Dribblings

Hi Everyone,
Last month, Billy at ARB supplied a new ARB advertisement poster, and this month Ben at TJM supplied a new TJM advert. Thanks to both Ben & Billy—it spruces the newsletter up a little.

Also From Ben: For any club member that is needing any gear, let them know we have can offer a 10% discount to our products. In some cases depending on the product we may be able to offer 15%. Only catch, they need to specify they are a financial member of the club. Contact TJM: (02) 6763 1515.

From the last few Association newsletters, the Zuke and the Sydney Sube clubs are both turning 50 this year. Tamworth Club turns 50 sometime next year. Ten years ago we did a 40 year re-union; put the thinking caps on—we could do just a night out or a social weekend. One drama though is that we need to find out roughly the date when the club was actually formed back in 1976! Or just combine it with the 2026 Christmas-in-July social (?)

About the 20th Aug, I posted some info about CVS (Conditional rego) as an attempt to potentially attract new members to the club. I posted quite a blurb and Maggie's supplied CVS poster on to around 14 Facebook groups—some local for-sale sites & a few nation wide (Aussie GQ Patrol owners as an example - 40k members). After posting I pondered, What have I just done? Could well have a thousand enquiries in the morning!! So I did up a whole "CVS info pack' containing the forms and step-by-step instructions with all contact details for more info. In trepidation I opened the clubs emails the following night, thinking that there is going to be hundreds of emails. THERE WAS ONE! One & only one genuine enquiry from a bloke near Sydney. Clearly no one wants cheap rego and/or don't have a 30year old car. I was actually completely gobsmacked. Even all of the six local/regional Tamworth, Gunnedah & Armidale FB groups & marketplace : nothing. A check on emails a week later, and still not a single further enquiry. Oh well, I tied.

Meeting started	6:30pm	7 members. 0 visitors.
Chair:	Colin	Temperature : warmer than last month.
Apologies	Katrina, Leanne, Chrissy.	Rain? : Yes.
Minutes true & correct.	Paul/Dave.	

Business Arising
-Christmas in July. Put off yet again. See General business.
-Dave : Forgot and ran out of time when remembered about radio ad.
-Join a 4wd club' cards given to Colin for passing on to TJM, ARB. Still to drop off.

Financials.
Not available at the time.

Correspondence in
-Sep Association Newsletter.
-One reply in from a gentleman enquiry about CVS - see story elsewhere.
-Ben @ TJM regarding new TJM graphic.
-Confirmation with Tony @ Association that the club has paid our Association fee's.

Correspondence Out
-Aug Club Newsletter
-Aug & Sep Association Newsletter.
-Facebook groups: CVS info for potential new members on to Facebook pages. See elsewhere.
-Provided info and my own 'CVS info pack' to gentleman in response to his enquiry.

General Business
-Further discussion regarding Christmas in July. Put off yet again – far too wet. May be towards end of October at this stage. Camping grounds are still under water! Wet wet wet. Postponed until drier times. Date still to be set.
-Discussion around Life Membership, and the Associations method of introducing a by-law into our Constitution regarding life members active/inactive. This is to stay in General Business until our next AGM to be nominated as a discussion & voting item.
-CVS story. One enquiry. Either: Noone has 30 year old junkers, Noone cares, Posted item gets lost in amongst the group feeds too quickly, or noone wants to save a few dollars. A combination?
-Quick recap on the bi-monthly social interclub zoom meeting. The meeting was meant to have no recorded minutes. Minutes were sent out by Lee, but, in true spirit, these too will not be recorded in this newsletter. Lee will be happy when he reads this.
-Dave to look at 92.9 & 88.9 community advert again. To do. No, seriously, do it.
-New ad graphic for ARB from Billy.

Trips
Discussion surrounding Colin's Gloucester trip - we are gonna do it! (Weather permitting)
Destination: Gloucester, Maxwell, The Cells, Spokes Lookout, Wauchope, Tamworth.
Trip Leader : Colin Middleton.
Note: This is a Swag/Tent three day/two night trip.
Trip grade : easy to medium. (1 to 2) . Grade2 if it starts to rain, tracks may become "a bit greasy".

Overview: Saturday 4th October: Meet at Tamworth, East Macca's at 8 for 8:30am leave. Head towards Gloucester for setup camp at Maxwell flat. Head to The Cells time and weather permitting.
Sunday 5th Oct: : Head to Spokes Lookout, set up camp somewhere in this area.
Monday 6th Oct. Head to Wachope then home to Tamworth.
For all enquiries and RSVP'ing, ring Colin on mobile : ZERO FOUR 07 617 442.

Meeting closed 6:50pm,

EVENTS, TRIPS & TRIP IDEAS

Date to be set later in the year.— Christmas-in-July at Wallabadah.
Ho hum. Wet. Date to be set later.
Come along to our annual event. Three course feed, huge bonfire, fun, games, hill climb, funkhana, creek crossings, 4wd see-saw, tug-a-war. Raffles & prizes.
On-site ammenities with now a bigger loo for the ladies. Shower block (bring your own hot water and shower). Camp shelter, camping grounds.
Halloween weekend?

Gloucester to Werrikimbe via back roads – Col.
Date is set! October Longweekend 2026.
Discussions were had surrounding this trip at this months meeting.
A date is finally going to be set within the next meeting or two.

Attunga Forest recky day trip. (Paul) To be announced as a day outing.
Probably sooner than later. Announcement may be on the Facebook group.

Coffs Harbour Trip – Paul. Date to be set
Mountains and Pebbly Beach.

Taylors Arm – Paul. Date to be set.

January Long weekend 2026 - The Farm ??
Time will tell.

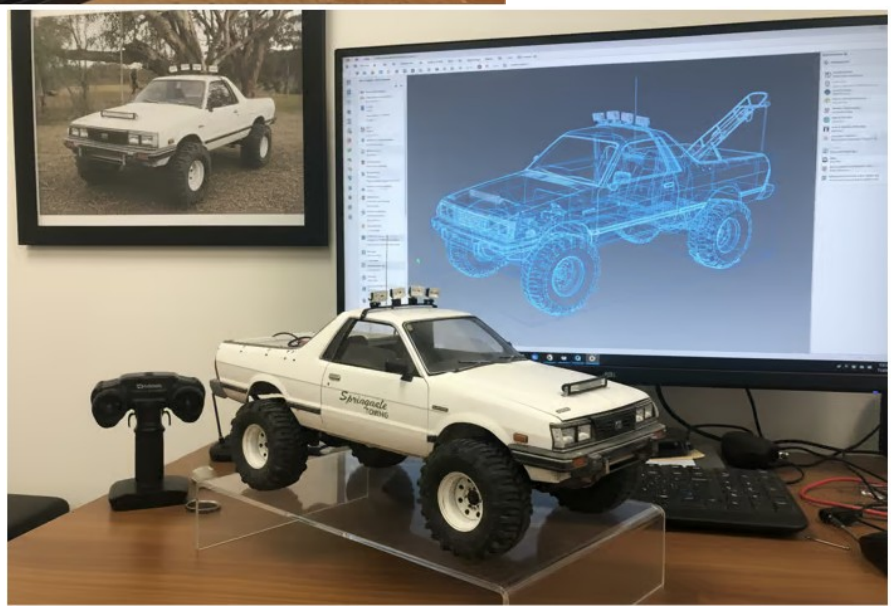
FOR SALE:

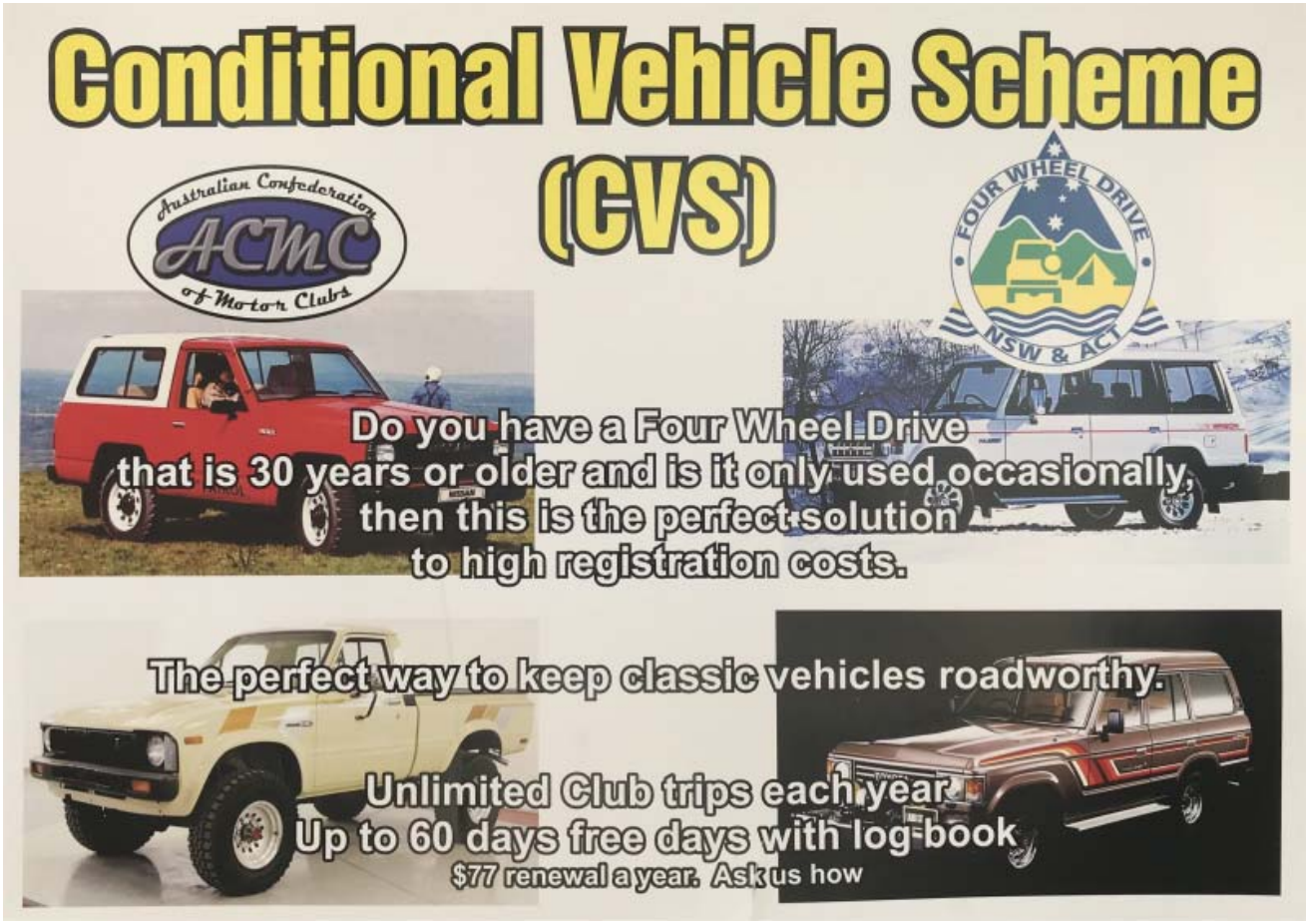
Whack your piccy here with details to sell your stuffs !

Contact Dave at tam4wdclub@hotmail.com

I am seriously running out of ideas for content !

This is the current AI fad that is doing the rounds. Upload a pic of your car and turn it into a convincing photo of a remote controlled (RC car) model.




Conditional Vehicle Scheme
(CVS)
Australian Confederation of Motor Clubs
ACMC
FOUR WHEEL DRIVE
NSW & ACT
Do you have a Four Wheel Drive
that is 30 years or older and is it only used occasionally,
then this is the perfect solution
to high registration costs.
The perfect way to keep classic vehicles roadworthy.
Unlimited Club trips each year
Up to 60 days free days with log book
$77 renewal a year. Ask us how

CVS - Classic Vehicle Scheme, allows for modified and engineered 30-year old vehicles on the road for 60 days with a log book. It also allows for unlimited days for Club trips and events. This is also open to other vehicles including all registrable 2wd cars, VW style beach buggies, modified and engineered lowered cars & trucks that are under 3500kg. You will have 'CLASSIC' conditional NSW plates.
Interested in knowing more? Send an email to the Tamworth 4wd Club.
Email: tam4wdclub@hotmail.com

Introducing the Tamworth 4wd Club Stubby Cooler.
$10.00 each.
Contact Paul Ellison, or
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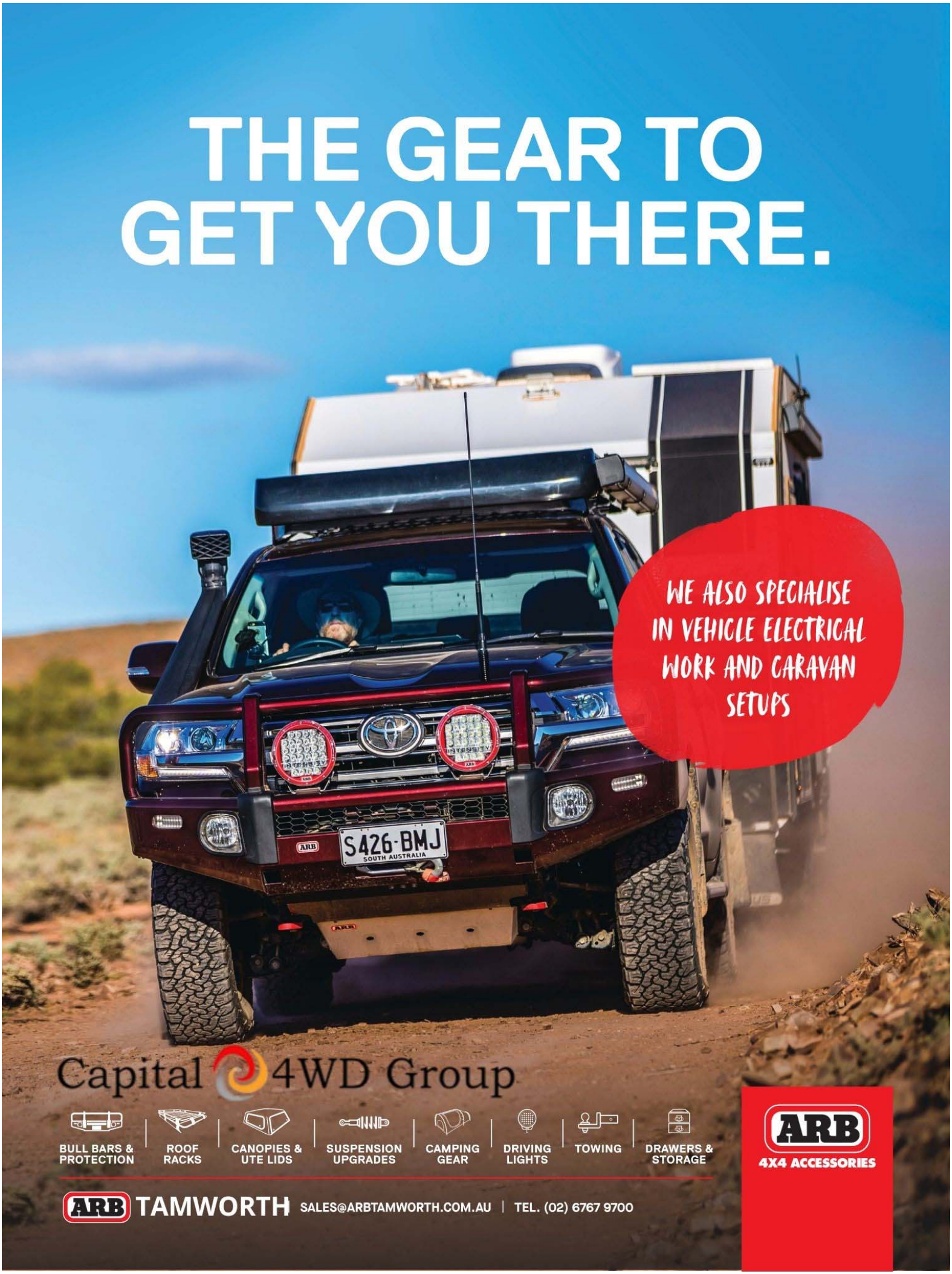
THE GEAR TO GET YOU THERE.



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TJM TAMWORTH

LATEST NEWS

- TJM GVM+ UPGRADES
- XGS SUSPENSION DEALS
- CAMPING ESSENTIALS & MORE *ON SALE* FOR 4WD CLUB MEMBERS

Gear up for that weekend getaway!!

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4X4 FIT-OUTS

COMMUNICATIONS INSTALLATIONS

DUAL BATTERY SYSTEM SETUPS

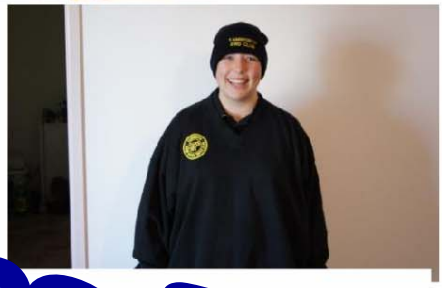
TAKE THE LEAD.

TJM 4X4 EQUIPPED

Trip Leader Responsibilities

- The trip leader is responsible for ensuring that the trip is conducted in a safe and responsible manner.
- All members who reserve a place in your trip should be recorded, their phone number and an emergency contact number taken. This will allow you to advise them if the conditions change or to contact Family in the event of n emergency.
- A reconnaissance trip and good maps and/or knowledge of the area are required to conduct a safe trip.
- Any permission for access needs to be obtained beforehand.
- It is your responsibility to decide if the weather conditions have altered the trip grading, as you may need to advise the participants before the trip.
- At the start point, introduce yourself, check-in all participants, collect the donation for Westpac Helicopter, check the correct equipment if necessary, and explain the nature details of the trip to all. Assign a main backup UHF channel at this point.
- Ask two older members to act as control vehicles. A “Rear Marker” and “Centre Marker” are usually best to help guide the convoy safely.
- Proceed at a legal pace that suits all participants, and keep in touch with your designated control vehicles to judge the convoy’s progress.
- It is your responsibility to assess the track conditions, and guide the group throughout the trip to ensure a safe and enjoyable outing.
- At the conclusion of the trip, check-off all participants and retrieve any loan equipment if necessary.
- Take donation money to next meeting and hand to treasurer.

Club Merchandise



See Leanne for new pricing

- $30 -
- $40 - Hoodies
- - Caps
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- $ -
- $30 - Jumpers
- - Hoodies
- If - merchandise
- - eton

BANK ACCOUNT DETAILS

Account Name : Tamworth 4WD Club

B.S.B.: 032-621

Account Number: 895405

PLEASE MAKE SURE YOU PUT YOUR NAME AS THE REFENCE SO WE KNOW WHO THE MONEY IS FOR

MEMBERSHIP FORMS

All members will need to complete a membership form when paying their annual membership fees.

This helps to keep records updated on current members and for insurance purposes.

NEW FORMS ARE AVAILABLE AT MEETINGS OR CONTACT THE SECRETARY

Email: tam4wdclub@hotmail.com
: dave.maunder@gmail.com
Phone (Dave) : 0429111017
(Dave) : 0429656363
(Leanne) : 0408605343

Family membership: $60/year

Tamworth 4wd Club Membership Renewal/Confirmation of Details

Surname: .....

First Name: ..... DOB: .....

Partner's Name: ..... DOB: .....

Child's Name: ..... DOB: .....

Child's Name: ..... DOB: .....

Child's Name: .... DOB: .....

Residential Address:

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Postal Address: .....

Which would you prefer published in the newsletter? Residential/Postal

Email Address: .....

Note:

Club Newsletters will be **emailed** to members wherever possible. If you do not want to have the newsletter emailed to you and you would prefer it by mail, please tick the box below.

☐ I wish to receive the newsletter by ordinary mail and not by email.

Phone Number: Home: ..... **Work:** .....

Mobile/s: .....

Vehicle Details: Make: .....

Model: .....

Year: ..... Registration: .....

Name of Relative/friend in case of emergency: .....

Emergency contact phone number: .....

Signature of Member: ..... Date: .....

Signature of Partner: ..... Date: .....

Please bring completed form along to the next club meeting and hand it to the secretary or send to

XXXX
PO Box 3345
West Tamworth
NSW 2340
XXXX

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Privacy Statement and Update of Member Details

Under the Commonwealth Privacy Act 2001, it is an offence to publish or distribute the personal information of any member of the Tamworth 4WD Club Inc. without the written permission of the member. Similarly, we are not permitted to publish any photographs of club member's vehicles or their families when on club trips without written permission. In order to organise club trips and events, the trip leader or event organiser needs to contact club members and we need to be able to pass your details to fellow club members. Also, we like to include trip and social reports, including photos, and promote the club at sponsor's promotion days and 4WD shows.

In order to comply with the Privacy Act and keep our records accurate, every club member needs to complete the following form and update their details:

Please answer the sections below and return ASAP:

Section 1

Please tick the statement with which you agree

☐ I/We hereby **give permission** for the Tamworth 4WD Club to include my personal details (name, address & phone? In the members list which is published each month in the newsletter and understand that copies of the newsletter are provided to club sponsors and other 4WD clubs. Or

☐ I/We **do not give permission** for the Tamworth 4WD Club to include my personal detail (name, address & phone? In the members list which is published each month in the newsletter and understand that copies of the newsletter are provided to club sponsors and other 4WD clubs.

Section 2

Please tick the statement with which you agree

☐ I/We hereby **give permission** for the Tamworth 4WD Club to publish photographs of my vehicle and family in the newsletter, website and at promotional events and understand that copies of the newsletter are provided to Club sponsors and other 4WD clubs.

Or

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Names of Members:

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Member's Signatures:

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MEMBERS CONDUCT

If the conduct of any member shall, in the opinion of the Committee, be contrary to the welfare or interest of the Club, the member may be called upon to justify and explain such conduct to a special meeting of the Committee and, if after consideration at such meeting, a majority present is of the opinion that the conduct of such member is as charged, the Committee may caution, suspend or expel such member. Any decision shall be conveyed to the member in writing by the Secretary. If the member so cautioned, suspended or expelled by the Committee wishes they may appeal in writing to the Club and request a Special General Meeting of the Club to discuss such appeal. The Special General Meeting so called my reverse of alter the Committee's decision on a two thirds majority of the members resent at such meeting. Such decision of the Special General Meeting of the Club shall be final.

Just a gentle reminder !!!

Before leaving on any trip all participants should make sure you have a **-Snatch strap- Solid recovery points on your vechile- Rated Bow Shackles minimum of 3.25 - UHF radio, desirable- Fire Extinguisher.**

History of the Tamworth 4WD Club

Tamworth Recreational 4WD Club was formed in 1976 by local Four Wheel Drive owners. It is a family orientated club and caters for family participation in recreational four wheel drive touring and camping trips into bushland areas of the great natural beauty and attraction.

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The Objectives of the Club

- To promote safety, friendship and courtesy, both ON and OFF the road, through training, community activities, club and family touring and camping activities
- To promote and encourage family social activities and organise club tours
- To conduct meetings and classes whereby members may obtain knowledge enabling them to become proficient in handling, navigation, care and maintenance of their vehicle
- And in particular to encourage and foster the activity of recreational four wheel driving and endeavor to establish same in the eyes of various Government Departments etc (in particular the National Parks and Wildlife Service, State Forest of N.S.W) as a recognised and responsible family past time.
- To actively encourage the conservation of Australia's natural environment

Current Financial Members
Rick & Katrina Burton
Jodie Thompson
Shaun Morrison
Paul Ellison & Melinda Bridge
Chrissy & Dave Maunder
Richard Mariner
Dave & Karma Walters
Aaron Walters & Nicole Ward
Sam Walters & Izzy Cleaver
Terry & Helen Collins
Tim Patterson & family.
Colin & Sue Turner.

Club Life Members
Graeme Hodge
Phil Swindale.
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DO IT THE RIGHT WAY

JOIN A 4WD CLUB

TAMWORTH 4WD CLUB